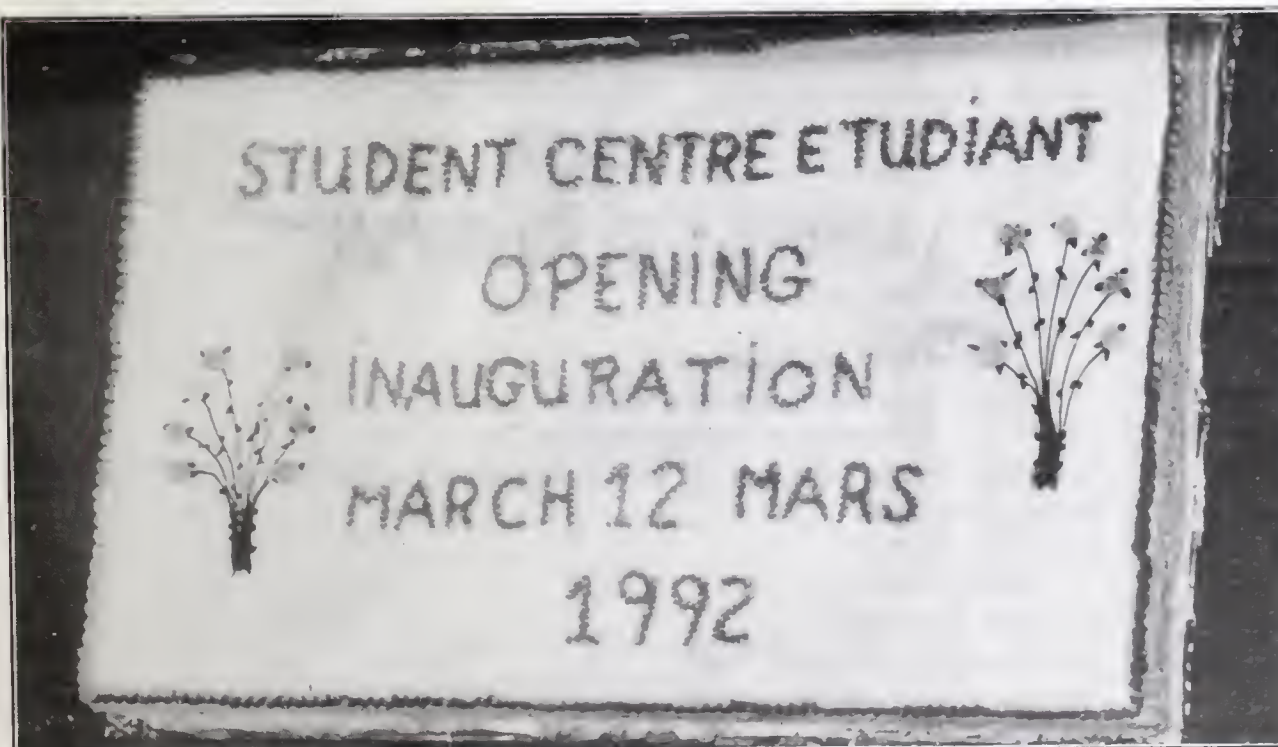


Lambda

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Celebrating 30 Years at Laurentian



Laurentian finally saw the grand opening of the new student centre. Featured here are pictures of the official ribbon cutting by Dr. Ross Paul with Mark Green and Pierre Perrault on either side. Former Presidents of SGA and AEF, Ben Farella and Jean Dennie, were looking on.

Also pictured here is the sweet grass ceremony and the huge cake to celebrate the event.

Photos by Steven R. Holmes

Laurentian University's Official Student Paper

U.C. (You-See?) Blows Chunks!

Re: "The Apology"

It is my sincerest hopes that this letter makes it into the *Lambda* cave in which you have been self-exiled. Chris, do you proofread your writings? When you wrote your "rebuttal", did you think that everyone would forget the events of the last two weeks?

It is your duty, as editor-in-chief, to provide for the reader audience unbiased, informative, and enjoyable material. It is indeed unfortunate that both the front page of the February 27th issue and your apology were neither. But as long as everyone is crying over spilt milk, I'd like to apologize, too. I'm sorry Chris Robson's campaign went for naught. He was a good candidate, and it's too bad that his efforts were spoiled by your ill-advised and overbearing actions.

I'm sorry that there is going to be an even larger rift between on and off-campus students. Perhaps the best man for the job was Mr. Robson; then again, I'm sure Mr. Clark will do a fine job next year. I'm sorry that the off-campus students also had to feel the "wrath" of your commentary ("...don't care about this place..."). If no one cared about this university, no one

would attend this university.

I'm sorry that being a University College student is akin to being a moron. Apparently I was so lacking in intelligence, I must have missed the moron clause in my residence agreement. I'm sorry that I missed all the violence that my fellow UC occupants caused; apparently, we have the foresight to realize the consequences of our actions.

I'm sorry you feel that Ted Clark is going to be such a poor president. Well, as long as you voted... but it must have been an intolerable blow to your ego to learn that Mr. Clark was blessed with such "cunning". Despite what you have written, I think that "a person like Ted Clark" (why don't you just accuse him of tampering with the ballot boxes?) will survive your obvious attack on his character none the worse for wear.

Most of all, I'm sorry that this ever happened. Perhaps you should have given a damn about a month ago. Go back to the cave.

A proud Laurentian/ UC resident,
Jason MacAskill

Apology Accepted: NOT,

I remember being in grade school and playing the "telephone game" with my friends (no doubt you have played it). Wasn't it neat how the original message was changed around by the end of the game. It is just this way with Chris Land and his "Apology" in the March 12th issue of *Lambda*. Come on Mr. Land. Do you seriously feel that we in U.C. are so in love with Mr. Clarke (yea, that's Clarke with an E) and our beloved building's reputation? Do you think that your article was so powerful and threatening as to render us "suicidal" as you so eloquently put it. The chair of the committee better get his/her head out of their collective assholes and get the facts straight. A Lambda staffer claims "people from U.C. were going to break into the Lambda office and trash it". Oh my god, call the police, call the army, call the newspaper cops. The U.C. people are coming, the U.C. people are coming. I ask you, why would anyone need to trash the office when you have already de-

stroyed the credibility of the newspaper all on your own? CONGRATULATIONS!

You wrote in your editorial of March 5th for us to look out for what you might do. PULEASE. By jumping jumping on your own bandwagon and throwing barbs at everyone around you, you have once again proven how immature you really are. I am happy that you were not re-elected. A person who can't handle being wrong and lashes out as soon as he/she doesn't get his/her way, should maybe go back to mommy and with a few more spankings, learn how to act like an adult.

Ted Clarke for President of S.G.A. an upset victory? I think not. You seem to forget all about a young lady who placed a close second in the race. Terri MacMillan had just as much chance as either Ted or Mr. Robson. No doubt

all these people would try their damndest to do the best job they could, if elected. I voted for Ted because I'm pretty sure he will do not what is good for Lambda, or University College or LOCS but what is good for the S.G.A. of Laurentian University and its members.

As for Mr. Offended Student (pg. 4 Ted Clarke Fan, March 12), what's the matter, can't you remember your name? Should a person with such a strong opinion, such prowess with words, such command of the English language, withhold his given names. My goodness, surely your parents didn't name you Offended Student. Your point of view is well taken Mr. Student, but please, don't you think it is more significant with your name attached. If you've got the balls enough to voice your opinion, then why don't you take the bag from off your head and let us see who you really are.

Brent Taylor
University College Residence

Strategic Planning Forum Wed March 25th 12-4 RM 239 Student Centre

LOCS Sucks, on Campus Rules!!

Got your attention didn't I? Wow, who would have thought that an SGA election campaign could have stirred up this much emotion. Evidently some of Robson's supporters are still taking a suck attack. However lets return the blame of the vigilante poster squarely where it belongs - with Chris Land - after all he printed the poster in the first place; even though his intentions were 'commendable' NOT! Hey LOCS chill out . . . your organization only represents a mere fraction of the off-campus vote, stop try-

ing to pretend you're bigger than you really are! Not mentioning any names, except those in last weeks *Lambda*, and the one person too ashamed to put their name in the paper. I have to admit reading the letter in last weeks' *Lambda* was quite humorous to say the least. The best part came when Chris Land said "University College allows morons into their residence who feel the need to resort to violence . . ."

Guess what? That's

the first anyone in U.C. heard of that, stop making boogymen up. I think *Lambda* and off-campus should stop crying and realize Ted Clarke "Is the President for Everyone." Stop taking a negative attitude, and let Ted get on with his job. Two final notes: 1 - Hey Chris Robson I here McDonalds is hiring 2 - Chris Land you have one ugly ass (and should give it a good shave).

One Proud Moron from U.C.

Chris V. Barnes

SGA

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HURL AND SPEW.....ON ALEX TOO!!

Dear Editor,

As a faculty member here at Laurentian, I nominally refrain from writing letters to the editor of *Lambda*, because I see *Lambda* as primarily a student forum. But since my colleague, Professor McGregor, has taken it upon himself to enlighten us with his classical wisdom and grace us with his prose style, I feel it is appropriate to respond to him.

Professor McGregor begins his letter with the astounding assumption that, because one article appears in the student paper bemoaning the use of Latin on LU diplomas, this can be construed as the "main problem at Laurentian." He fallaciously implies that, because students are concerned about this, they must therefore not be concerned about unemployment or economic depression. Perhaps *non sequitur* is not in Professor McGregor's prodigious Latin vocabulary.

His egregiously mispunctuated second paragraph contains another unfounded assumption, also based on a *non sequitur* which he wrongly ascribes to the student who wrote the article: "If you can't read it, you can't understand it, you don't need it." I saw no evidence of this fallacious reasoning in the original piece. What Professor McGregor is doing is setting up a "straw" opponent, easily knocked over by his pompous huffing and puffing. But perhaps this logical fallacy, being stated, as it usually is, in an English idiom, is not in Professor McGregor's vocabulary, either.

What is all too apparently in the venerable professor's vocabulary is the curiously lined-through expletive "fuckhead." Professor McGregor's classical education seems to have resulted in a stunning disregard for the opinions of others and for reasoned discourse. The writer of the article he refers to has a right to want his diploma in a language he can read, and he has a right to be an educator. I only hope students know that professor McGregor's tactics do not represent the preferred mode of discourse by the majority of Laurentian University's faculty.

Professor McGregor bases his "argument" on the dubious assertion that Latin is the mother tongue of "all of us". Leaving aside for a moment his apparent assumption that "all of us" speak English or French as our first language, the claim that Latin is the "mother tongue" of English is simply wrong. English and Latin are both Indo-European languages, having descended from a common root. The earliest Indo-European language we know of is Sanskrit. Latin is a descendant of the Italic branch of the Indo-European family, while English is a descendant of the Teutonic branch, and is therefore a Germanic language. French is an Italic language, but even it did not descend from the classical Latin of scholars, but rather from the common Latin used by business people and soldiers. Latin has, of course, has a great

influence on the English language, but mostly as the result of the Roman conquest of Britain and in the later influx of Christianity.

Aside for these errors of fact and reasoning, the most disturbing characteristic of Professor McGregor's letter is its condescending and arrogant tone. If this is indicative of the professor's approach to education and his regard for students, it is little wonder that few want to learn what he professes. Perhaps he should "emite" (with two "t's" not "tees," by the way) a little "*lucem et veritem*" himself, as well as take a hard look at his own *hubris*. You know *hubris*, Professor McGregor--the sin of contemptuous pride.

Susan Dobra
English Department

To all Laurentian University Students Who Do Care Enough to Allow a Person like Ted Clarke to be Elected President of the SGA

I would like to take this opportunity to act in the defense of someone who wants the best for all SGA members and who doesn't discriminate against any group represented by the SGA. For any person who can't see the obvious I'm writing about Ted Clarke (spelled with a "e" on the end).

In last week's *Lambda*, Chris Land wrote "I'm sorry that the off-campus students of Laurentian don't care enough about this place allow someone like Ted Clarke to be elected president of the SGA". I'm just sorry that Chris Land can't see that Ted was not insulting the members of LOCS but was instead trying to make the point that he refuses to show loyalties to only one group and objects to *Lambda* showing their "affections" to the same.

Sorry LOCS, but I think *Lambda*, the people I blame for starting this whole controversy in the first place, did the off-campus candidates more harm than good; well it's obvious because Chris Robson didn't manage to pull it off.

As for Kevin Santi and Peter Frazer, who wrote in last weeks *Lambda*, demanding an apology from Chris Land, the C.R.O. and Mark Green, I think they should look at the root of the problem and what Ted's poster actually had to say. The root of the problem was *Lambda*, not the C.R.O. or Mark Green who both had the sense to see the poster for what it was. The poster, for those of you who didn't get the point, showed dismay at the favouritism shown to LOCS, it didn't criticize LOCS because we all know it wasn't LOCS, it was the misjudgment of the *Lambda* staff who did Chris Robson in, not the 'unprofessional manner' or the 'unethical and discriminatory act' done by Ted Clarke, that so offended Kevin and Peter.

Sincerely,
A Concerned University Student
Denise Rovers.



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ANONYMOUS WRITER CLARIFIES U.C.F. ARTICLE

It seems that the *Lambda* article critical of UCF has caused a considerable amount of controversy on campus. I consider that to be a positive thing. Any forum that raises questions about an issue instead of blindly swallowing the party line can only be considered positive. That being said, let me clarify some things about the contentious UCF article, items that Dr. Graeme Mount summarizes succinctly in the letter on page 5. (Layout is more convenient and neater if this letter appears before Dr. Mount's.)

First, people have their tongues tied in a knot complaining about the dastardly practice of "anonymous" authors criticizing UCF. The problem of a lack of a byline on the article in question was strictly related to time constraints in production. Last week's issue of *Lambda* was twice as long as usual, and things tend to get left out at 1:30 in the morning.

Second, the tone of the article was deliberately inflam-

matory. Glowing commendations of UCF from senior administrative officials glossing over academic shortcomings and gross financial negligence are no more commendable than any personal attacks on the architects of the UCF plan.

Of course respected academics like Dr. Jon Gonder are not "clowns." All five members of the UCF review panel are, as Dr. Mount indicates in his letter, serious and conscientious scholars. In this case, however, they seem to have neglected mounds of statistical evidence attesting to the serious academic shortcomings of UCF, evidence that is contained in the appendices of the academic review. The fact that 24 Senators voted against the academic component of UCF, an increase of 1100% since 1986, indicates that I am not a lone voice crying in the wilderness.

Of course Dr. Paul is not a liar. As a matter of fact, I have a great deal of sympa-

thy for the position Dr. Paul is in. Arriving in Sudbury on July 1, 1991, to land in the middle of the UCF mess is an unfortunate position for any senior administrative official to be in. However, to publish reports focusing solely on the wonderful benefits of UCF while leaving the messy details of an outrageous financial arrangement out of any public discussion is a deliberate misrepresentation of all available data.

Finally, allow me to respond to Dr. Mount's charges of my incompetence, my "new low in journalism," my irresponsibility, and my minimal evidence.

Dr. Mount and I have had serious conflicts over this issue in the past. He knows that I do not think of him as a "clown" or as a paid lackey of the UCF administration. I have been fortunate enough to study under Dr. Mount for five years and there is no academic in this university who has had a greater positive influence on my own academic career. I

also consider him to be a friend. If my article offended him personally, then I am truly sorry.

However, he makes several charges of his own that are unsubstantiated. In particular, he indicates that the statement attributed to Ron Chrysler concerning the possibility of reallocating \$750,000 to the Laurentian campus if UCF was terminated is fictitious. Mr. Chrysler does not need to deny or confirm anything. His financial outline of the UCF situation is conveniently summarized in a November 20, 1991, memorandum to the Finance Committee. Dr. Mount is free to take ten steps outside his office and obtain a copy of this fictitious evidence from me if he pleases.

Second, Dr. Mount allows himself to speak for all who have shared in the UCF "experience." Unfortunately, I have known four students who have enrolled at UCF for varying lengths of time. None of these people denied the fact that their time spent at UCF was worthwhile. However, all four students candidly stated that the academic side of UCF was inferior to the standards here at Laurentian.

Turning back to the *Academic Review*, my irresponsible source use is evident. In the 1987-1988 session, 62% of all students responding to questionnaires stated that the academic standards at UCF were less rigorous; this figure remained extraordinarily high in the 1989-1990 session with 53% of the students citing lower UCF academic

standards. In the 1987-1988 session, 42% of students surveyed indicated that all of the credits taken at UCF could not be transferred to their home institutions; this figure increased to 64% in the 1989-1990 session. The question, therefore, begs to be asked: If at least half the students felt that the academic standards are below normal and almost two-thirds of the students in 1989-1990 could not transfer all of their credits back to Canadian schools, how can any claim of academic parity with Canadian standards be made? Students clearly attend UCF for the opportunity to travel throughout Europe at the expense of a year of university schooling. If this use of published statistical sources is "libelous" and "totally irresponsible" then perhaps we should allow the infallible administrative mandarins of this university to rule by decree, free of any criticism from incompetent journalists like myself.

To conclude, the UCF operation will cost this university millions before it is terminated. Although the concept of going to school overseas is an excellent one, a small regional university like Laurentian cannot support such a risky venture. The *Academic Review* committee, when confronted with a large amount of data contradicting popular claims of UCF academic integrity, chose to enthusiastically support UCF. As a result, they must share the blame when the financial mess of UCF is discussed.

Michael Stevenson

TO: All Full-time Students

FROM: Doug Goldsack, Dean, Faculty of Sciences and Engineering
Jon Gonder, Dean, Faculty of Humanities
Pierre Roberge, Dean, Faculty of Professional Schools
Walter Schwager, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

The purpose of this letter is two-fold.

The first is to let you know, well in advance, that all full-time students who intend to return to Laurentian next September will be required to Advance Register during the period mid-July to mid-August.

Secondly, in order to ensure that your Advance Registration goes as smoothly as possible, we have designated the period March 16 to March 26 for Advance Registration **Counselling**.

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Good luck with your studies.

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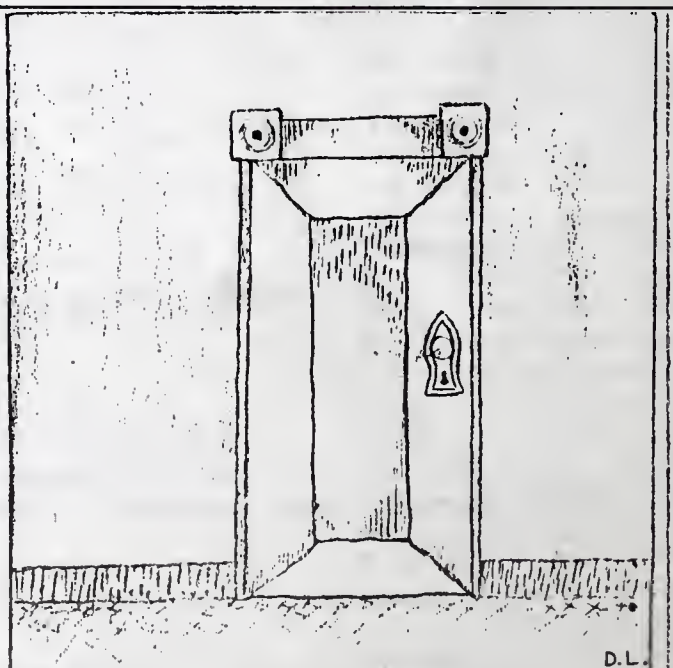
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FROM U.C. to U.C.F. LAMBDA USES MORE WHITE OUT!

To the Editor,
Dear Sir,

The anonymous attack on the Universite Canadienne en France which appeared in your March 12 issue represents a new low in journalism. It may even be libelous.

To attack U.C.F..... is fair. Most of us would agree that last year's contract with Blyth and Company was a devastating mistake. Given the benefits to Laurentian in terms of faculty and students using the facilities, the financial risks are unreasonably high. Indeed, the financial implications are frightening. It will be interesting to see whether Mr. Chrysler denies the \$750 000 per annum figure attributed to him.

However, to attack the motives of specific people without, it appears, interviewing these people is totally irresponsible. To do so under the shelter of anonymity is to abuse a privileged position.

As anyone who knows them will testify, Dean Gonder, and Professors Hesbois, Matheson, Tesson,

and Lindon are not "clowns". They are serious, conscientious academics. As one who was at U.C.F. the week they came to visit, I can testify that they were not "wined and dined" to the point where they lost their sense of perspective. They lived in the same type of Spartan villas which the students inhabited, and they ate at the student cafeteria. Unlike the author of the article, they spent all day every day but one conducting interviews. Their task was to assess the academic worth of U.C.F., not its financial viability.

Regarding the apparently inflated marks to which the anonymous writer refers, U.C.F. -- contrary to legend -- does attract some very good students from very good universities. A class is probably top heavy as compared to a class at home. Some professionals want their sons or daughters to have experiences such as this and encourage them, financially and otherwise. Other students are highly motivated to go and to

maximize their experiences while there. This is not to deny the existence of abuses, but one should not think of the marking at U.C.F. as nothing but abuse and scandal.

It is unfortunate that the anonymous writer attacks the motives of people whom, it appears, he or she has never met. As in, any setting, there are pleasure-seekers at U.C.F. There are many more who are serious students. Yes, they have good times while there, but life in Sudbury or any other Canadian university city is not one of unadulterated work. Students here too have time for games, for jobs, for falling in love, for music, for rest and recreation.

Similarly, the anonymous writer attacks the integrity of Laurentian's new president, Ross Paul. Dr. Paul inherited a most unenviable contract between Laurentian and Blyth and Company. He has limited choices. He can bail out now and pay an enormous financial penalty. He can say publicly that the contract was a mistake and will

not be renewed, but that would hardly encourage the necessary number of warm bodies to register there while the contract remains in effect. He could praise U.C.F.'s academic worth and say that its quality will remain high while the contract remains in effect, but that the contract will be terminated at the earliest possible opportunity. That would undercut the work of the Strategic Planning Committee, which reports to Senate in May.

There are certainly grounds for differences of opinion. A writer should not, however, assume that he or she has a monopoly of the virtue and wisdom. A competent journalist does not scream from the shelter of anonymity that his or her opponents, clearly identified, are fools and rogues.

As one who taught at U.C.F. from January through April 1990 and during intersession 1991, I have probably been "bought off". One of the ironies of the U.C.F. debate is that those of

us who have been there and seen it for ourselves are supposed to be partial, while those who jump to conclusions with minimal evidence are considered the experts.

Yours Sincerely,
Graeme S. Mount
Department of History

OOPS! WE GOOFED!

****Production Directors Note:**
The story pertaining to U.C.F. was not written in anonymity. An error on my part caused the inadvertent omission of the author's name. Mike Stevenson was the author of this article. I regret any concerns this may have caused.

Production Days are Tuesdays and are often a very hectic time in the Lambda office. Compounded with the confusion of moving, there were more errors than usual last week.

So, I apologize and hope that the masses can forgive me!

Rob

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MIGRATION TO THE STUDENT CENTRE: SSR "LOCKS UP"!

Edgar- "...would be quite a sight seeing someone walking down Student Street with a washing machine on their back....but I guess weirder things have happened..."

For those of you who have been following my articles this year, you've probably already figured out that I like to write about things that tick me off. I like to stir the pot! Sure, my grammar may not be the best, my writing style may not be that of an English major and I may not have the etiquette of a professional journalist, but I enjoy what I write and I try to get people who read my articles to feel some type of emotion, be it pro or con. My articles make you, the reader, take a side on issues and I hope that they have stimulated a few arguments. Hopefully, they have expanded your views on the pertinent subject. I've ruffled some feathers in the arts department and raised the ire of some professors and students who would probably just love to have me in their class. Great! Mission accomplished. I'd love to be in your class too. One of my favourite past times is arguing the opposite position of an "opponent" no matter what side they happen to take. It helps me to see both sides of the issue clearer and makes it a hell of a lot easier to refute somebody else's position when I can use arguments previously used against me (I'll know where the loopholes are). Another reason why I've written articles is due to the fact that I only have to take electives. These electives which constitutes the main course load for arts students, leaves me with sufficient free time to sit at my computer and take pot shots at whoever I like (sorry arts students, but I still think that you've got it easy). On that note, I've finally figured out why psychology is a science. The psychology profession has taken it upon itself to re-define science. At best, psychology is a science as much as alchemy was chemistry.

Give it time, say a couple hundred years, then come back and talk to me. Maybe I'll see my ignorance!

But, enough said about me and my pet peeves about educational attitudes. The remaining portion of this article will deal with an issue that you off campus students probably can't relate to. It has to do with the stupidity of the administration who run the single students residence (SSR). The long awaited arrival of the student centre has created large vacancies of space on student street in SSR. The administration in its generosity decided to open a student lounge complete with three study rooms with hardwood tables and a sitting area with disco coloured leather couches. Sounds great doesn't it! They decided to take pity on us poor residence students so that we no longer have to take that agonizing trek to that most favourite place of yours and mine: the library. For security reasons they decided that it would be best that it be locked up at 11:00 pm. The only reason I know this, is because my buddies and I were unceremoniously evicted by a "rent a cop" at that time. Actually, I shouldn't be so hard on them, they did allow us to stay until 1:30 am once and they need to make a buck too. But, I stray. Remember those disco coloured couches and chairs that I mentioned earlier? Well, the administration in their infinite wisdom decided to purchase furniture that weighed about as much as the books that an arts student has to lug around each day (ie not

much). The very first time we went into that room we knew that before the end of the year, some enterprising and probably graduating student, was probably going to have themselves a really rad living room set. Sure enough, sometime between March 1st and 3rd, three chairs disappeared (way ta go bud). In retribution, the administration decide to remove the remaining chairs before having a rad living room became a fad and all of the furniture disappeared making them sad. Now for the really good part. You fucked up! You, the administratron. You brought this on yourselves. You took our money and purchased on behalf of a now successful entrepreneur, a living room set that's going to drive women wild. What were you thinking? You lock up the computers, and typewriters, you put reinforced glass on the vending machines, you use concrete garbage cans, you bolt the student street lounge cushions to the floor and you lock the laundry rooms at night. It would be quite a sight seeing somebody walking down student street with a washing machine on their back, but I guess weirder things have happened in the past (C.J., P.R., S.J.). The administration has displayed a working knowledge of how things tend to disappear in residence, yet they go and do a totally idiotic and irresponsible thing by purchasing furniture with legs. Where was your head? Now you expect us to pay for your careless and inconsiderate actions? Oh, you thought that students would be more considerate given that they have to pay for any damages. Wake up and smell the java people! There are about 600 students who live in SSR and Univer-

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L.U. Museum and Arts Centre

According to the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto, an expected \$6 million shortfall to its operating base threatens the education and outreach programs which benefit the public art galleries in the Sudbury community.

The Art Gallery of Ontario is an agency of the Province of Ontario.

"If the Art Gallery of Ontario fails to get this (\$6 million) increase," says the AGO, "education and outreach programs will be terminated, including future exhibitions to the Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre."

Since 1968, the L.U.M.A.C. at 251 John Street has borrowed 110 art exhibitions from the Art Gallery of Ontario.

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In the past few years alone, AGO exhibitions have brought to Sudbury international masterpieces by artists like Picasso, Monet, and Renoir, among many others.

"The 16,000 works in the AGO's permanent collection are held in trust for all Ontarians," says Glenn Lowry, Director of the AGO. "The people of Sudbury have a right to see and enjoy these works in their own community at the L.U.M.A.C."

The AGO leads the art galleries in the province in the ability to provide excellent catalogues and support materials for their exhibitions. Their publications provide essential research for Ontario artists, both historical and contemporary.

One of the AGO's vital links with art galleries in other areas of the province is the "Artists and Their Works" program.

Over the years, this highly interactive program has allowed the L.U.M.A.C. to bring 45 rising Canadian artists and exhibitions of their newest work to Sudbury. While here, the visiting artists talk face-to-face to area school children and artists.

For more information, please contact Demetra Christakos at the L.U.M.A.C. at 675-1151 extension 1400.

From March 11 to April 5, 1992, you are cordially invited to view the exhibition A Living Tradition: Selections from the American Abstract Artists at the Laurentian University Museum and Arts Centre, 251 John Street.

This special exhibition from the United States celebrates the 50th anniversary of the American Abstract Artists group.

A group of artists concerned specifically with fostering public appreciation of non-representational painting and sculpture, the American Abstract Artists exhibited their first show at the Squibb Gallery in 1937.

Member participants in this 50th anniversary exhibition include now well-known artists Vincent Longo, Lucio Pozzi, and Richard Anuszkiewicz, among 23 artists in total.

This exhibit was curated by Phillip Verre and is organized by the Bronx Museum of Arts.

For more information, please contact Demetra Christakos at 675-1151, extension 1400.

There will be an exhibition of watercolor paintings by Sudbury artist Ray Laporte at the Laurentian University Museum and Art Centre, 251 John Street, from March 11 to April 5, 1992. The exhibition is called Ray Laporte: Field Sketches.

Included will be 32 works from the painting expeditions he has made into north and central Ontario since 1988. The paintings reflect locations like Lake Temagami and Killamey Lake, Burwash, Baldhead River, Agawa River, Smooth Water Lake, and the Pogamasing River.

"The intent of this show," says the artist, "is to show examples of fresh-air painting. Most trips were by canoe, some on foot, and some by car."

"I believe that when you paint live from the model—be it a figure or a hill—your direct experience of it reveals its nature more clearly and powerfully."

The public is invited to meet Ray Laporte at the L.U.M.A.C. on Sunday, March 15, 1992, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

For more information, please contact Demetra Christakos at 675-1151, extension 1400.

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BURSARIES

sity College (UC) Residences. Simple mathematics says that if the total cost of the disappeared merchandise was \$650.00 + GST as quoted on the memo, then each person, including our entrepreneur, will have just over a dollar deducted from their caution fee. I'd say that was pretty good profit. Makes you wonder why washing machines aren't parading down the halls all the time doesn't it. Don't go blaming us that a \$600.00 VCR was stolen from the UC lounge. The rule of thumb around here, as you must know by now is, "if it ain't nailed down, it's fair game". And don't worry about the chairs in the UC lounge, a person would probably get a hernia trying to pilfer them.

Now, back to the readers. Don't sit back and let the administration dictate what you have to pay for. Sure, things, a lot of things, get broken around residence, but some of those things can't help but be broken. The administration in the past has taken it upon itself to try to minimize damages and thefts, so in the interest of continuity they should continue that respon-

sible action. They purchased with our money a commodity yet failed to insure its presence for all. If they can't guarantee that something is going to be available for all, how can they hold the all, responsible.

The disappearance of the chairs wasn't your fault (except for you and you know who you are), it wasn't my fault. It was the fault of the administration since they were negligent with our money and some enterprising youth took advantage of the situation. In case you haven't figured it out yet, that is the way things are done in society. One party takes advantage of another party because of the gains that can be realized. If you don't like what is happening raise your voice, write letters, bitch at people because if you don't then not only are they going to continue to throw our money away, they can just say "screw you, remember what happened last time". Raise your voice, be vocal, be loud, be heard.

Michael Edgar

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A VOICE IN THE CROWD

By: Paul Bellmore

You must prove yourself time and time again. Things are short lived in life, especially glory. Or, maybe not glory but a knowing. A space held. It's like being somewhere, having a great time, and in the midst of it feeling sad. Sad because you know that it is going to end. It is temporary and nothing that is, can be held or re-visited again.

Andy Warhol said that in the future everybody will be famous for fifteen minutes. Maybe in the future everyone will want to live in anonymity for fifteen minutes.

It's probably easier too, simply being alone. No eyes to look at but your own. No voice to hear. No hands to hold. No actions to betray. No words that contradict. No responsibility to please or deliver. Nobody left but you in your own obscurity "Nowhere man, the world is at your command."

Maybe solitude is a cop-out but, it seems so painless though like...bleeding to death. People forget quick enough and if you're simply not there then there's no memories to hold. Someone's essence is lost through absence. It doesn't make the heart grow fonder it forces it to forget

LORD OF THE BACK-STAGE

A love song with no validity, pretend you never meant much to me. Numb, a vallum child, bored by meaningless collisions. A lonely stretch of headlight, diamonds trapped in black ice... a mirror cracked alone the white

lines. I just wanted you to be the first one. Ashes are burning, burning.

A lifestyle with no simplicity, but I'm not asking for your sympathies. Talk, we never could talk, distanced by all that was between us. A lord of the backstage, a creature of language, I'm too far in. I just wanted you to be the first one. Bridges are burning, burning.

By:

Fish (Derek William Dick)

I suppose that we simply surround ourselves with that which we can submerge ourselves. Not drowning but comfortably surrounded by warm water (cold spot). You are what you have. Plastic cards that say you're alive, snap-shots of frozen assurances of time. clothes that take the shape and smell of your body, books that you have read, knowledge that you have stored, places you've been, things you've seen, feelings you've felt, thoughts you've held tight and dreams that have gripped you in the night. It's all for you; first. You can't just step away but you must be careful (He that giveth can also taketh away). Everyone can lay claim to the uniqueness of their Being. No two are alike... but it's the actor that's left alone, standing cold and silent on the stage.

We all move fast, rest brings thought, some are past and some are bought.

Until words meet..... P.S. I think your bus will be pulling out very soon. Is it warmer where you're from?

Yes, that's right! You! You reading this article thinking that a laugh will be had from these few lines of wisdom! You eating a chicken burger while you scan through *Lambda* for signs of life from Cher Pierre! Yes, even you women who are afraid to eat a corn dog because of the disgusting memories of the first one you put in your mouth (Corn Dog that is). You too have eaten pubic hair!

Now that I have you interested I will explain the logic behind this rarely talked about yet intriguingly disgusting issue. You have all heard the popular phrase "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Well I'll tell you citizens, a women scorned doesn't hold a candle to the vengeful acts of a minimum wage workin, hamburger flippin, zit pickin, fast food employee.

Do you people actually think that those smiles are genuine?! The smiles are part of the myth that is being created so you will continue to give them your money. These people are working in hot greasy kitchens for peanuts. They need an outlet for their frustrations and you, the customer, provide this for them. I've seen things on burgers that chickens wouldn't eat (ask anyone who owns chickens to explain this to you. The farmers know what I mean).

I will recite a few examples which will give you an idea of what I am talking about. A powerful and well known politician made the unfortunate decision of having breakfast in a restaurant in which his popularity was well below even Brian's (yes it is possible). The cook, an acquaintance of mine, spit in his eggs. Now, this man was impressed with the food and returned almost everyday

You've Eaten Pubic Hair

for three months for breakfast. He received a healthy portion of phlegm every day he came.

Another acquaintance of mine holds the current world record for most flies killed (6.5) with the spatula in the time it takes to cook a burger (he grazed one fly causing it to fall to it's death on the frier. He did not kill it but since he was indirectly responsible we gave him half a point). Cleaning the spatula was not part of the game.

How about Friday night when you got really drunk and were obnoxious and rude to the pizza man on the phone. There is a pretty good chance that he picked his nose and wiped it on your pizza. Now I am sure I have offended some people with this article as happens often with material of this nature, but I say this to you, if

you liked it, laugh about it and be happy. If you were offended, well then the first paragraph should have stopped you from reading it (admit it, subconsciously you liked it). Freedom of expression is one of our most cherished rights and the final decision to read this was yours! One more thing. I apologize to all the minority groups and individuals who I have offended with this article. NOT. This article was meant to make you laugh. If you have taken it too seriously than you need to develop a sense of humour.

Warning: Those people feeling the need to rebut my article should be warned. I'm psychotic.

J.C.

ATHLETIC BANQUET UPDATE

The Annual Athletic
Banquet
is Fast Approaching

It will be held on March
25, 1992,
At the Caruso Club

Buses for athletes will
be Leaving From the
University at 5:45 and
6:15 PM at UC Hill

Buses for the dates of
the athletes will be leaving
from the same location
at 9:30

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Deadline Date: March 13, 1992

Resumes should be submitted to Dr. Paddy Blenkinsop, Coordinator of Student Services, 2nd Floor, R.D. Parker Building.

The Northern Summer School of Excellence in Science and Technology is offering unique summer job opportunities on-campus for the month of July, 1992.

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We are looking for students from the following backgrounds: Math, Outdoor Education(Phys-Ed), Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Nursing, and Engineering.

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Deadline for applying is March 27, 1992.

For those of you wishing TREEPLANTING positions, the Ministry of Natural Resources should be sending us a list of all treeplanting firms in the province soon.

Anyone interested in a terrific short part-time position on campus? We are looking for a manager of the Student Centre. See the job description in this edition.

Are you a bilingual graduating student who will be taking courses this summer? Are you free evenings for a few hours? Do you have access to a car? Do you enjoy teenagers? If you can say yes to all of the above and are available during the month of July, I may have a terrific part-time job for you.

To apply, please submit a resume quoting FILE S76 and a cover letter outlining how you meet the requirements of this position and you may get the opportunity to make \$250 per week on a very part-time basis. Deadline for applying is March 30, 1992.

For those of you graduating, the provincial government should be sending us their intern information packages. Hopefully this year's program will be as interesting as in past years.

For those of you who do not know it yet, our offices, have moved to the R.D. Parker Building on the 2nd floor near the Bookstore.

Until next time, have a good week.

Gabrielle Lavigne, Manager

SGA Complaint Form

The SGA has been the victim of much criticism over the years and seemingly more so this year. It is for this reason the executive have decided to create the SGA action request form.

No, this is not your ordinary type of form that will be put at the bottom of a pile and be ignored. With this form comes a promise from the executive. "We, the executives of the Students' General Association promise to respond to the action request form within three (3) working days after it has been handed in." We may not have all the answers but we may be able to put you in contact with the right people. This form gives us the opportunity to help our constituency on an individual scale as well as tackle the common problems discovered here at Laurentian.

It has been common practice for LU students to complain about the quality of Lambda to the SGA and to complain about the SGA in Lambda. Writing articles in our fine student newspaper is somewhat effective and is a very entertaining way to be heard. But we urge you to come full circle and talk to us through the action request form. Please note all names will be kept confidential.

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earthdancers is a group of young dancers whose dream it is to make a difference in this world by using our talents as dancers to make a contribution in the fight against environmental abuse. We chose *Friends of the Earth*, an International association, as the recipient of the monies raised by our yearly benefit performance because of their stance concerning ozone and rain forest protection, as well as issues surrounding toxic disposal and global warming. As youth, we think that it is important to save the world of tomorrow. And as Mary Granskou, our primary contact with *Friends of the Earth*, stated, "The arts provide a fast track to people's hearts. The environment and dance are a wonderful combination."

earthdancer's, which has been in existence for three years, was the brain child of Heidi Strauss and Sunshine Dixon, both of whom recently left our studio to dance with Toronto's Dance Theatre. The original performance held on June 13, 14, of 1990 at Sudbury Secondary's Sheridan Theatre centered on the theme of Apocalypse. Through dance *earthdancers* portrayed the end of the world, a finale we certainly did not want.

After raising \$5000 dollars for *Friends of the Earth* as the result of that first performance, *earthdancers* was determined to stage a second benefit performance. The second show was held June 21 & 22, 1991 and raised our total contribution to *Friends of the Earth* to \$8500 over two years. This show centered itself on the theme of Native harmony with the environment. The Native community, we believe, has traditionally shown a tremendous respect for the earth and its creators.

This year's performance will be held May 11, 12, 13 1992 at the Grand Theatre and will include youth from all the arts: musicians from Sudbury's Youth symphony Orchestra, artists, singers, songwriters, seamstresses... all of whom are environmentally active. We are all youth and that is precisely what makes us different and special. Our feat may seem impossible but we truly believe that the arts when combined with youth provide an unbeatable combination.

We are also expanding our commitment to environmental education by going to elementary schools with a specially designed performance as well as offering matinees for high schools in the area.

Another Comment on Alex and Lionel

I was initially concerned about the unidentified student who was confronted by his degree being written in Latin and that concern has been escalated by letters that have been included in the last two issues of Lambda.

It has always been my understanding that the significance of a university degree was not the actual document but the indication that the graduate was capable of discovery through self-motivated research. Apparently, in Mr. Magumbe case, I've been mistaken.

The idea of doing a lit-

tle work to translate his diploma or even show up to his classics classes seems to be too difficult a challenge. I suggest that if Mr. Magumbe can't expand his consciousness to include **tradition** and **lore**, then perhaps, he is undeserving to the degree to which he aspires.

In defense of Professor McGregor's response, it was most-likely felt that if Mr. Magumbe was baffled by Latin then most-certainly he would be open to the most-basic of language - **profanity**.

Kandyce G. Kilbey

It was a cold, crisp Sunday nite; the moon was high, and the wolves were howling, while the wise old man sat crying over his broken vacuum cleaner. A tiny, expensive, drafty, apartment sitshigh atop the city, looking down over a small University.

Apparently the St. Patricks day bash at Huntington went well last Saturday night. Although Farty was the only one yelling for free drinks for Jake (LB didn't make it). We would like to thank Paul Topp for that wonderfully controversial, well written article. It's fine contributions like this that hold a newspaper together. Keep up the good work whoever you are. A little note to the "offended student" thanks for mentioning us, we thrive on positive feedback (even more fuel for our already overbearing ego's).

****New Feature****

Starting next week, this next feature will hopefully be a totally different column, written by us, so you'll get twice as much Jake and LB for your money!

Restaurant and Entertainment Review

We recently had the opportunity to try a "new to us" restaurant in Sudbury. Smokin' Jo's in the Coach House Hotel on Regent St. across from Culpeppers, right beside the Petro Canada, at four corners (if you need more directions, ask somebody). The owner/manager (Jo, we assume) is operating the only Mexican restaurant in town.

The menu is extensive with Canadian and Mexican cuisine. The decor is well suited to a Mexican restaurant, with the requisite number of sombreros and cactii. The service was excellent, served by the manager personally. The food was undeniably the best Mexican food either of us has ever

had (Not your Taco Bell fare). The portions were huge, more than either of us could eat. The entree's are priced under ten dollars, which is fantastic for a student budget (in a nutshell, all you can eat good food for under ten bucks). A feature of the Restaurant is the Wednesday nite Mexican Madness, when the establishment picks up the PST and GST. Just a couple of criticisms here, the soft drinks are too small, so drink water, and it may be cheaper to order a la carte, depending on what you want. Other than that, this place is great. If you like it hot, get yourself some Salsa Diablo. For those of you who don't like it hot, getting it mild is no problem and extra sour cream is free!

Our Rating - - we give it 9.5 taco's out of ten for the Mexican stuff, we haven't tried the Canadian food yet, but we're sure it's just as good.

Go, you'll like, and make sure you tell 'em Jake and LB sent you.

Well, sometimes we feel like being funny, sometimes we don't. What can

we say. This putting out a weekly column is more work than we figured. Tonight we realized we're starting to sound more and more like Paul Bellmore, so we're going to put an end to it. But before we go,

Tonights Top Ten List, Top Ten Signatures to Letters in Lambda

10. Bewildered in SSR
9. Feeling pretty cheap after my night at the pub
8. Female, bearded, and happy
7. P-whipped in the SGA office
6. Terry McMillan/Just can't say NO! (tied)
5. Naked in Ross Paul's Office
4. Concerned Crossdresser
3. Still hurts when I pee
2. Feeling guilty about my \$1300 chair
1. Anal Retentive, Strict Disciplinarian, Power Hungry... See you next week with two columns (hopefully!)

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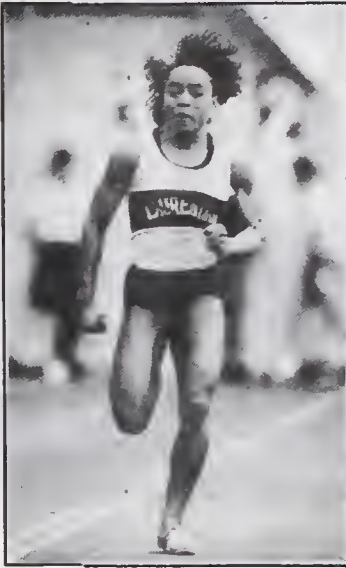
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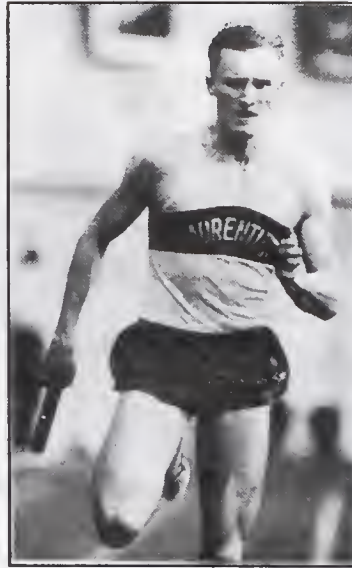
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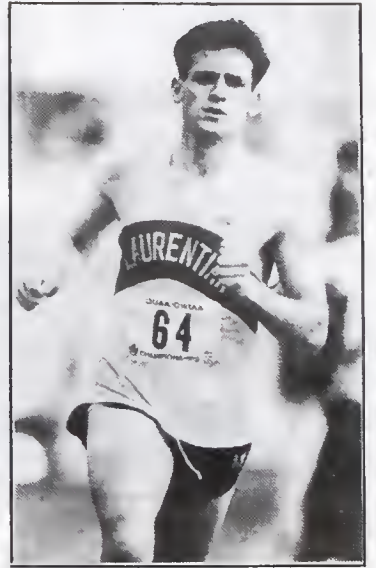
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Raw power drove Jackie Dore to Women's MVP and a Laurentian University record in the Women's 60m



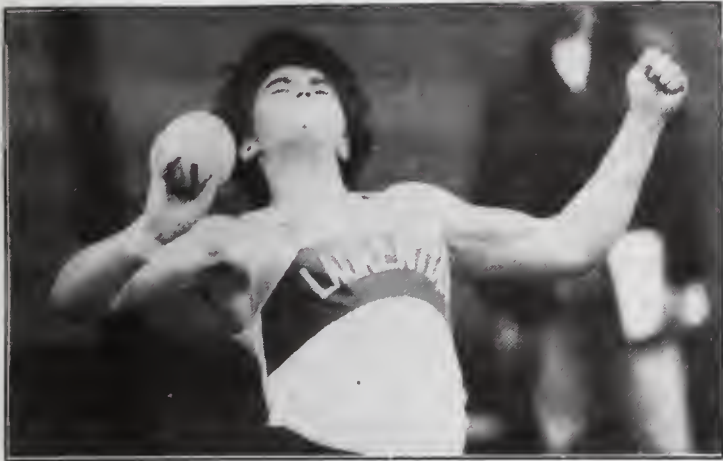
Piotr

Przychodzki leads the 4 X 200m relay team to their Laurentian University record-breaking run.



Mark:

Dewan displays the perserverance he used to share the men's MVP and set a personal record in the 1500m.



Joanne

Archambault displays bronze medal form in the shot put. Despite a lingering injury suffered last year, Joanne was able to return late this season and still qualify for CIAU's in Winnipeg.



Jason:

Leach, co-MVP for the men, anchors the 4 X 400m relay team to 4-one-hundredths of a second off the Laurentian University Record.



Jama:

Concentration propels her, but triple jumper/long jumper Jama Ross was unfortunately unable to overcome a nagging foot injury suffered late this season.



Lynn

Nothing by determination in the face of Lynn Kabaroff as she drives to the finish of the 300m.

TRAVEL CUTS SIZE TO FIT

Wild Ties:

An Epic Poem of Sex and Lust and Political Science

By: Kent

Last October I joined the Political Science organization here at Laurentian (P.S.A.L.U. or something). Anyway, I went to one meeting and then I never heard from them again. I received no party invitations, no friendly phone calls, and I never see any posters on the walls which advertised fun poli-sci events.

All my friends told me I never should have joined the organization. They said I would have had much more fun in the Anthropology club where they have pizza and grave-robbing socials. Of course I didn't listen to them. Instead, I allowed myself to be wooed by three beautiful women in low cut dresses at the political science booth who promised me trips to Amsterdam and/or Russia, tons of barbecues, and the occasional coconut oil massage. So with lots of smiles and giggles and coy looks I traded my five dollars for a membership card.

I was really looking forward to attending my first PSALU meet-

ing, but to my dismay I discovered none of the young, nubile poli-sci women that had been promised to me. Instead, all I found were a bunch of hairy, despondent guys sitting around muttering to themselves about the lack of chicks in this club.

At least my poli-sci class is interesting to attend. The professor is excellent and I am not the first to say that he has inspired me to

become a political scientist (or at least a K-mart employee who holds a B.A. in political science). It is to this professor (and to poli-sci munchkins everywhere) that I dedicate the following poem. (Please note: If the poem is well received I will be stopping by your by your office to be showered in truckloads of extra bonus marks. This is a form of political participation.)

WILD TIES

There is one professor that we don't despise,
He comes to our class wearing very strange ties.
Colours and shapes and patterns galore,
Elvis ties, cow ties, gross ties and more.
One tie's a fish- I think it's a bass,
He wears it sometimes to my poli-sci class.
He's got a neat tie from Canadian Tire,
It drives the girls wild, it makes grown men perspire.
One tie he wears shows some donkey behinds
The first time he wore it, it blew all our minds.
So if you feel lonely, or if you feel blue,
Don't sit there so glumly, and don't sniff some glue.
Just wander the halls, or head down to the pub,
And look at his ties- you don't need to do drugs.
But if you feel queasy, then cover your eyes,
For he comes to our class wearing very strange ties.

Lambda

Back Page

Lambda Interview with President Elect Ted Clarke

Congratulations from Lambda on becoming the President elect of the SGA. While at it you can answer a few questions.

Why did you compete for the presidential position?

T.C. I had toyed with the idea but there were several small things that I was unsure of. I liked the idea of doing it, I wanted to do it, I wasn't sure if it was the right choice for me to make considering considering the stage I'm at right now. I graduate this year, so if I ran for president and won it meant spending a sixth year here, although in a different capacity after five years as a student. I had started to think that I had had enough, that it was time to move on to the next stage. I wondered whether or not this would be the right way of going about it. As well, other personal reasons motivated me to run for the position.

I don't have any delusions about being totally prepared for the position. Here in UC I am a big fish in a little pond and I'm putting myself in a position of being a little fish in a very big pond. Being the SGA president is completely different from being president of UC. In UC you have a captive audience of 240 residents because they have no place else to go, but the SGA is not that way. You are dealing with more people, a greater range of activities and services, and a greater range of people types. Add to that, your dealing with the problems of on-campus and off-campus students which is something I don't have to deal with in UC.

LAMBDA: There have been numerous issues raised with *Lambda's* alleged attempt to influence the elections. What is your opinion on this?

T.C. We have two issues here—*Lambda* itself and my controversial campaign poster. The *Lambda* cover created a rift between on and off-campus students. In my opinion, it turned on-campus people away from Chris Robson because regardless of whether or not he was involved he looked like he was involved. Chris looked guilty by association so as far as on-campus people thought he was at least indirectly responsible for the cover article in *Lambda*. I also think a great number of off-campus people interpreted it as a message that if they didn't vote for an off-campus student, they would be jeopardizing their future and that only an off-campus candidate could represent off-campus students. The innuendo of the newspaper suggested that myself or Terri McMillan would not be able to represent off-campus students.

Lambda: Who made the decision to use the *Lambda* cover despite the possibility of copy-right infringement?

T.C. It was my decision. Nothing was done in my campaign that wasn't personally okayed by me. The use of the cover was suggest to me by someone else but the decision to use it was mine and the decision on what to write below it was mine.

Lambda: Were you surprised at the election results? Did you expect it to be such a close race?

T.C. I would not have even attempted to predict the outcome. To the best of my knowledge that was the closest race in the SGA's history.

Lambda: What are your plans for the SGA next year?

T.C. One of the more obvious issues is next years possible strike among university workers. There are three collective agreements on campus and all three of them are up for review. If there is a strike there may be a tremendous amount of infighting between the administration and whichever group is on the picket line. We definitely need to have a united student body and take a position on one side or the other—there can no fence sitting. It's important that all student organizations on campus present a united front. It has been so easy in the past for the administration to railroad the students because we have four different student governments on this campus. To have the four student presidents, the editors of the student papers, and the head of CFLR meeting to determine issues affecting students in the advent of a strike would be a priority of mine.

As well, recent Endless Summer events have tended to be an attempt to outdo the previous year's event. The problem was that the attendance from 1987 to 1991 was always the same. This year's council needed three to four thousand people to break even, and these attendance figures had never been approached in the past. Laurentian is not yet at the stage where they can command a four thousand person audience in one event. For me to turn around and do the same thing again would be insulting. Next year I would like to see a return to the format of a few years ago where four lesser known bands played for far less money and made just as many people happy. If I had been in Mark Green's shoes last year, I probably would have made the same decision he did. But to ignore the past and not learn from it is crazy.

Lambda: Do you intend to raise the council above its current level of just being a socially active organization?

T.C. Yes. Regardless of what Mr. Land may think, I said during my campaign that off-campus students have never had a fair return on their investment in Laurentian University.. Presently, the SGA is revising their constitution to make more equal the on and off-campus representation. I have had discussions with Dr. Paul about the establishment of an ombudsperson on campus to look into and improve the situations of students like housing and

transportation. We do have the advantage of having three off-campus students on the executive next year so hopefully we can improve affairs for off-campus students. We also needs to make an attempt to let students know exactly what services the SGA does provide.

Lambda: What is your opinion of the student media on campus?

T.C. Well, the only student media that I have access to is *Lambda*. I've been impressed with *Lambda* this year. Chris Land has done a good job in turning the paper around and I'm hoping that Peter (Przychodzki) can continue that And improve it even more. There have been some flaws of course, but it has become a real paper this year.

Lambda: How do you intend to combat apathy among students?

T.C. I wonder how apathetic the student body really is. In the past week I know of at least half a dozen people who are writing letters to *Lambda* to comment on the election issue. In UC we have close to 30% of the population attending events regularly. If you provide something the students want they won't be apathetic. The problem is finding out exactly what students want. The 35 people on the SGA council have to decide what the students want and hopefully these people will have input from large numbers of students from the general student population. Next year I hope to regularly meet with students in the Great Hall and the Science Cafeteria to get a clear indication of what the students on this campus like and dislike. The new SGA office in the Student Center is centrally located to give students better access to the SGA executive.

Lambda: What is your message to returning and new students next year?

T.C. I ran for this position because I felt I could do a good job for everyone and I don't want people to have the opinion that the wrong person was elected because of the close nature of the election vote. I will represent everyone equally. For the frosh, university is more than academic experience. University is not here to provide you with nothing but a degree. You will learn far more here than professors can teach you and I hope that they would participate in all aspects of university life.

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